

**Remarks**

With entry of the present amendment, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8-18 remain pending.

In the Action mailed November 2, 2004, the Office indicates that claims 6 and 8-18 are allowed, and further that claim 3 is merely objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim.

In the foregoing amendment, claim 3 is rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of its former base claim. Further, claims 2 and 5 are made dependent on claim 3. These claims therefore should now be deemed allowable.

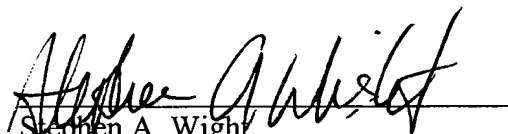
**Conclusion**

The application should now be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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